

\*\*\*\*\*May 13, 2019\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum  
Vice Mayor Amy Speek (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)  
Councilmember Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Robert Spalding

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

### **Presentation**

Representative Patsy Hazelwood presented the Town with a framed House Joint Resolution, with the State of Tennessee seal, to honor and congratulate the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

### **Citizen Comments**

Jerry Pearson, Oliver Court, spoke in opposition to hiring an additional Police Officer to help cover Walden Ridge.

Mary Hudson, James Boulevard, said she had spoken with Hamilton County Commissioner, Chip Baker, who explained that the County provides police coverage for Walden Ridge. She complimented the Council for their transparency and the live streaming of the Council meetings.

Dun Monroe, Cherokee Lane, questioned the need for a proposed sanitation fee.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, said that while no one wants a tax increase, she was in favor of the proposed budget. She said that the Council has a difficult decision to make.

Denise Thomas, Timerblinks Drive, said the proposed property tax increase is too much.

Chris Cole, Green Gorge Road, said the proposed COLA increase for employees is too much.

Patrick Daverson, Mountain Brook Circle, spoke to the Council as the President of the soccer league. He said he has just recently become aware of discussions between Hamilton County (HC), and the Towns of Walden Ridge and Signal Mountain regarding the soccer fields used by the league. Mr. Veal said that he had attended one meeting with representatives of Hamilton County Department of Education (HCDE) and HC to discuss options for the scheduling and management of the Shackelford Ridge Park fields. Mr. Daverson asked to have a seat at the table when future discussions are held. Mayor Landrum said he would send an e-mail to HC.

Charles Gardner, Golf Drive, said he had recently participated in a ride-a-long with the Town's Police Department. He said the Town has a lot to be proud of, including the personnel and equipment, and said the Town should look at improving the benefits offered to Police personnel.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAURA MALONE AS A MEMBER OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BEAUTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT WITH ADAMS CONTRACTING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND THIRTY THREE DOLLARS (\$28,033.00) TO COVER ADDED WORK TO EXTEND THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOAL CREEK FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 RAM 1500 ST CREW CAB AND AFTER MARKET EQUIPMENT PER TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT NUMBER TN SWC 209, FROM COLUMBIA CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM FIAT, COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$32,757.44) TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Vice Mayor Speek made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

## Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-801 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO GIVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER THE POWER TO HEAR VIOLATIONS OF LOCALLY ADOPTED ZONING CODES."

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE IX OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE BY ENACTING A CHAPTER III THEREOF TO ADDRESS THE REGULATION OF SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Mayor Landrum asked that this proposed ordinance be placed on the Town's website.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE IV OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE REGULATION OF SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

4. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 10-102(3)(i) OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO KEEPING CHICKENS AND OTHER FOWL IN THE TOWN."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Speck seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

## Discussion

- a. FY 2019-2020 Budget. The Council discussed a variety of ways to decrease projected expenditures, and potential projects and equipment for inclusion, in the proposed FY 2019-20 budget. After extensive discussions, the Council agreed to have an additional budget meeting to be held the evening of May 20th.
- b. Reminder – May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting canceled. Mr. Veal reminded all present that the regularly scheduled meeting for May 27<sup>th</sup> has been canceled due to the Memorial Day holiday.

- c. Council Vacancy Application and Process. Mr. Veal provided the Council with the Request for Consideration application for the upcoming Council vacancy. He explained that this document incorporated any changes or additions that Council members had requested since they reviewed the original application. He stated that if Council had no objections or any revisions the request for applications would be posted and the applications made available.

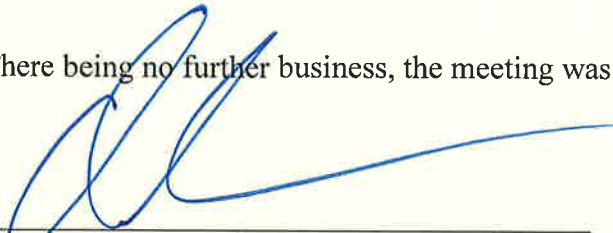
#### **Tentative Agenda**

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the June 10, 2019 meeting.

#### **Other Business**

Council determined that the best date to have a public hearing on the proposed budget would be at the regular meeting where the second reading of the budget ordinance would be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Dan Landrum, Mayor  
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Recorder